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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7102

BILL NUMBER: HB 1123

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 10, 2003

SUBJECT: Commission for Superior Academic Achievement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill creates the Commission for Superior Academic Achievement by all students. It requires the Commission to submit a preliminary report of its activities to the Governor, State Superintendent, State Board of Education, Education Roundtable, and General Assembly not later than December 1, 2003 and a final report not later than December 1, 2004. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared for the Interim Study Committee on Education Issues.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill creates a 32-member commission, with 16 legislators and 16 citizen members. The commission is required to submit a preliminary report of its activities to the Governor, State Superintendent, State Board of Education, Education Roundtable, and General Assembly not later than December 1, 2003 and a final report not later than December 1, 2004. The reports should make recommendations concerning the elimination of the gaps in the achievement levels of student sociodemographic subgroups and improvements beyond proficiency to advanced levels in the state's standard of academic achievement.

All Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. Commission members who are legislators are entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel reimbursement. The current per diem is \$129, and the current travel reimbursement is \$0.345 per mile. Per P.L. 291-2001, legislator expenses would be paid from the Legislative Council's budget.

The Commission would be staffed by the Department of Education. The Department could incur additional expenses from staffing the commission.

The bill appropriates sufficient funds from the state General Fund for the Commission. In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Commission may accept private donations. The estimated cost would depend on the staff employed. The Commission terminates December 31, 2004. Assuming that the Commission met 18 times and that all 36 members attended then the estimated cost would be about \$176,000 over the 18-month period. Additional expenses could occur if the commission approved studies by individuals other than the Department of Education staff.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency, Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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